



Covenant Presbyterian Church

...a spiritual home where 'God's love has the run of the house' ...

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Sunday Worship Service

Welcome to Covenant Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Sunday, June 19, 2022

10:00 a.m.

To our guests: Welcome! We invite you to respond with the bolded words during prayers and readings.

*All those who are able, please stand

Assemble in God's Name

The church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus bids welcome to our Lord's house.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *Amazing Grace* arr. Jack Schrader

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is God's day, and we are invited to be a part of it.

This is God's invitation: to come and see what God is doing in the world.

This is what God is doing: bringing good news to the poor,

And proclaiming release to the captives,

Recovering sight for those who are blind

And letting the oppressed go free.

Let us join in, and let us worship God.

*GATHERING SONG **366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Call to Confession:

Our task in confession is not only to be honest about our own shortcomings before God, but to be honest about the brokenness of the world in which we live. We trust that in confession, Christ offers us forgiveness for these and all sins as we seek to live holier lives. Let us pray together:

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and hope,

Our hearts have often been hardened against the needs of others.

Forgive us for the unwitting parts we play in systems that hurt others.

Forgive us for choosing easy apathy instead of difficult righteous action.

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**Forgive our confusion and lack of understanding
that allow good intentions to lead to sinful outcomes.
We confess our need of you, our desire to be forgiven,
and our trust that your Holy Spirit offers hope and life to all,
even and especially to us.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and freed from sin. In the power of the Holy Spirit, let us live into that hope!

Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Proclaim God's Word

The God who speaks in Scripture addresses us now

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Rev. Alex Becker**

*After the children's message, children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to SermonTime StoryTime in the nursery (*see note). Children are always welcome to remain in worship!*

SCRIPTURE **Exodus 1:15-21**

SERMON **Rev. Alex Becker**

Faces of our Faith: Shiphrah and Puah

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION **Bonnie Sumerfield, piano & Sue Zlogar, flute**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. B. Henkelmann

Confession of Faith:

From the Belhar Confession

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe: That Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

That true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

That God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

That God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity.

That God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

That God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged.

We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GRADUATION CELEBRATION AND THANK YOU

The Recognition of High School Graduates

Aidan Bagi

Ella Catteau

Matthew Paoella

The Recognition of College Graduates

Brittany Doherty

Melissa Hedglin

Kristina Newman

Kristina English

Andrew Kelly

Wesley Reindel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE*Be Thou My Vision* arr. Joshua Evanovich
Offerings may also be given online at www.covenantfrazer.org/give.

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

Go in God's Name

*The Holy Spirit sends us forth to be instruments of God's peace:
To do justice, to love kindness, to walk humbly with our God.*

SENDING HYMN772

Live Into Hope

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE*Air with Variations* by Handel

Today’s Call to Worship was written by Beth Merrill Neel

Covenant’s nursery is located around the corner from the welcome desk in the lobby. A diaper changing table and child-sized restroom are available. Families are welcome to use that space during worship. The worship service is broadcast via livestream.

* After the children’s message, children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to **SermonTime StoryTime**. Children will meet in the nursery with two adult volunteers for some conversation and a story. They will return to the sanctuary following the sermon. The nursery is located around the corner from the welcome desk. Please sign up to support a future SermonTime StoryTime at tinyurl.com/CovSunHelpers.

For activities for the pew, please visit the **children’s worship table** in the Narthex, through the double doors at the back of the sanctuary. You may also wish to engage with worship via livestream in the gathering space where additional activities are set for children.

Our congregation’s **Stephen Ministry** equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing a challenging time in their life. If you would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, please contact any of our Stephen Ministers. Just look for the **blue** Stephen Ministry badges. If you are experiencing a challenging life event and can use a Christian partner, please contact Rev. Alex Becker (abecker@covenantfrazer.org) at the church.

We need some additional support for our Vacation Bible School Program, this coming week, June 20-24, and June 26.

- Any weekday, June 20-24, 10:45-11:15 (storytime with preschool and kindergarten)
- Sunday, June 26, 10:30-11:30 (set up, serve, and clean up water ice - Need 4 helpers.)
- Sunday, June 26, 11:15-12:30 (clean up decorations and supplies - Need LOTS of helpers.)

Contact Jen Langlois at jlanglois@covenantfrazer.org if you can help or to find out more.

All the women of Covenant are invited to join **Presbyterian Women for lunch on Monday, June 20, 12:30** at the Longhorn Steakhouse in Exton. We would love for you to join us! Please let Mary Decker know if you will be there. Email marydecker02@comcast.net, call 610 640-4796 or tell her in person.

This week, the pantry needs are soap, shampoo, conditioner & toothbrushes. These items will continue to be collected during VBS week. Visit www.churchroadpantry.org to find out how to receive assistance from the pantry or how to give monetarily to the pantry. Please note that the Pantry no longer accepts clothing, bedding or household items due to limited space.

This summer we are offering SermonTime StoryTime during 10 a.m. worship. **Please sign up to help** at tinyurl.com/CovSunHelpers. We require volunteer support in order to offer this outreach to children. As of June 15, we need ONE helper for each of these dates: July 3, July 10 and July 17

Broad Street Ministry – If you would like to join a group going to help serve lunch to the poor and homeless of Philadelphia on **Thursday July 21st, 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.**, contact Barbara Rhinehart at 610-763-1079. A group from Covenant will go monthly on the **3rd Thursday of each month**. Broad Street Ministry is located on Broad Street across from the Kimmel Center. (3 blocks south of City Hall). Look for the new bulletin board in the office hallway and add your favorite book titles for summer reading! All ages!

Be sure to stop by our Dr. Seuss bulletin board in the hallway near the bathrooms to add your summer reading suggestions!

This Week at Covenant!

Sun. June 19 – Happy Father’s Day! Happy Graduation!

10 a.m. – Worship Service

Mon. June 20

9 a.m. – VBS

6:30 p.m. – Promise Keepers

Tue. June 21

9 a.m. – VBS

10 a.m. – Covenant Quilters

Wed, June 22

9 a.m. – VBS

9 a.m. – People’s Pantry

Thurs, June 23

9 a.m. – VBS

Fri. June 24

6:30 a.m. – Promise Keepers

9 a.m. – VBS

Sat. June 25

9 a.m. – People’s Pantry

Sun. June 26 – VBS Sunday!

10 a.m. – Worship Service followed by Rita’s water ice!

1:30 p.m. – Softball vs. UCC Valley Forge

Happy Birthday!

Connie Hershey – 6/21

Jon Bearde – 6/23

Kim Rambo – 6/29

Call the church office for addresses.

See more events and find meeting Zoom links at covenantfrazer.org/events and subscribe to our emails at covenantfrazer.org/newsletter.

*For more information, call the church office at 610-648-0707,
Monday-Friday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.*



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